

STATISTICS COMMITTEE

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Belgium
(H. Hovart)

All the collected statistical data have been processed as in former years by the IBM system 32 mini-discs.

The computer program for biological assessments (biological data transferred to age-length keys) was also processed according to the same system.

Canada
No report received.

Denmark
(E. Lund)

As in previous years, in 1981 the Danish fisheries statistics have been based on information from the primary links in the disposal of the catch.

The information is worked out on a weekly basis on an aggregated statistical level where quantity, total value and average price can be identified by means of relevant counting criteria.

The data on the aggregated statistical level form part of an electronic data processing system, the FS SPA, used for solving fisheries statistical problems.

In 1981 a logbook system has been introduced covering all bigger Danish fishing vessels. The system is being implemented.

Furthermore, the establishment of a fishing vessel register has been initiated based on current information from the owners of the vessels. The register is being implemented.

The fishermen are obliged by law to give the information of the logbook and the fishing vessel register.

When the implementing phases have been completed, the information from the logbooks and the fishing vessel register will be linked together with the information from the primary links in the disposal of the catch into a total fisheries statistics system of information for administrative purposes, the FS INF system.

This system is planned to be taken into use at the end of 1982 or at the beginning of 1983.

Finland

(A. Rantala & R. Parmanne)

There have been no changes in the collection and processing of statistical data during 1981. Statistics on aquaculture have been collected since 1978.

France

No report received.

German Democratic Republic

(B. Vaske)

There have been no major changes in the collection and processing of statistical data during 1981.

Federal Republic of Germany

(A. Schumacher & G. Wagner)

There have been no principal changes in the collection and the procedure of processing data on statistics reported by fishing vessels in 1981.

Iceland

(J. Blöndal)

No changes took place during last year that affect ICES directly. Work was begun on computer programs to return catch/effort statistics on computer tapes. This work had to be postponed due to heavy work pressure in other fields. Contemplated changes in ICES format also contributed to this postponement.

Ireland

(D. de G. Griffith)

No changes were made during 1981.

Netherlands

(H. B. Becker)

No changes were made in the routine collection and processing of statistical data during 1981.

Concerning the completion of Form STATLANT AQ, statistics on mussel and oyster cultures will be recorded in columns K through M: Mariculture.

Norway

(P. Gullestad)

There have been no major changes in the routine collection and processing of statistical data since the last report.

Poland

No report received.

Portugal

No report received.

Spain

No report received.

Sweden

(R. Lind and B. Lindfors)

No changes were introduced in 1981 in the national systems for collection and processing of fishery statistics.

United Kingdom

1. England and Wales

(B.W. Jones)

There have been no major changes in the methods of routine data collection. A major investigation is being undertaken into landed weight/whole weight and length/weight relationships. Data collection for this project is virtually complete, and results are being analysed and prepared for publication. Results are expected to show that some of the factors used to convert landed weight to whole weight for E & W statistical returns to international organisations may have to be revised.

2. Scotland

(J.A. Pope)

Scotland has made no changes to her program for handling commercial and biological data in 1981.

U.S.A.

(E.G. Heyerdahl & K.A. Paine)

No fishing activities were conducted by U.S. vessels during 1981 in waters within the ICES area. All U.S.A. catch and effort statistics are being reported to NAFO and FAO. Statistical reporting procedures remained unchanged.

U.S.S.R.

(S.A. Studenetsky)

In 1981 statistics were collected and compiled in accordance with the Committee circulars. No changes occurred as compared to the previous year.
